

his ministry serving the city's homeless people.

The Mission, located downtown, serves healthy meals, provides showers, and beds. The center is very clean because residents are expected to keep it clean. With work comes dignity and self-esteem which are essential to moving forward. The center also smells surprisingly good. If you ask why, Reverend Thebo will tell you that he once asked God to take away the odor of despair from the shelter and to fill him with a new love for the people. Now, he paints the walls several times a year. His love for the destitute is fresh each day.

After 20 years working with homeless people, Reverend Thebo still has a strong love for those who have lost everything. He lends a hand and expects that hand to be grasped. The Mission's objective is to get people back on their feet. The Reverend has no patience for people who do not want to work but travel from shelter to shelter in search of handouts. But, for those who want help, the help is there in abundance.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Reverend Thebo, his sister who operates the women and family program, and those who volunteer their time and money to the Open Door Mission. May God continue to bless their ministry.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIDLAND WMDN-WMPX RADIO STATION

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary Celebration of WMPX-WMRX in my hometown of Midland, Michigan. Founded in 1948 by tele-broadcasting entrepreneur, Phil Rich, this radio station was originally donned the call letters WMDN. Serving its public as both an entertaining, as well as, an informative resource, WMDN has undergone transformation from its original talk radio programming to its current format focusing more on musical entertainment. Moreover, as a pilot station, WMDN was solely an AM station while its current subsidiaries, WMPX and WMRX are heard on both AM and FM stations, respectfully, thus implying a broader outreach to listeners.

Music has become the focal format of both radio stations, complemented by timely updated briefings of local sports, news, weather and special events. Sounding melodies of such greats as Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole, citizens of Midland are assured quality entertainment with the depths of American culture these entertainers have instilled throughout the past five decades. WMPX and WMRX are two important communication vehicles that provide both nurturing and entertainment to the public. I know the Midland community can proudly affirm the influence this radio station has maintained over the past fifty years.

On Sunday, while citizens listen to the music and updates provided by WMPX and WMRX Midland—they can be proud of how this organization has benefited the community. It is the determination and creativity of people like Phil Rich—fifty years ago—that has al-

lowed it to grow over the years and become the successful station it is today. Thanks to the many efforts of WMPX-WMRX, the Midland community is kept informed. I know these stations will remain an important part of the Midland community for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MS. DEBORAH J. LIVINGSTON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Deborah J. Livingston of Columbia, South Carolina, as she steps down from the presidency of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association. Ms. Livingston has served her community well in this position, and her leadership will be missed.

Deborah Livingston has been very active in the city of Columbia. She is a member of the Columbia Council of Neighborhood Presidents, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Boards of Directors of the Historic Columbia Foundation and the YWCA of the Midlands. She also serves as treasurer of the Columbia Development Corporation. However, it has been in her role as President of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association that I have grown to know and respect her work.

Elmwood Park is comprised of over 450 households. In May 1991, it was designated as a historic district and placed on the National register of Historic Places. In 1984 the neighborhood received the honor as a Design Preservation Area by the City of Columbia. Ms. Livingston's work was also recognized by NationsBank with a leadership Excellence in Neighborhood Development award in 1994.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Deborah J. Livingston for her great work as President of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association. She has been a tremendous asset to the community through her work to help rejuvenate downtown Columbia. Her leadership will be sorely missed.

SUCCESSFUL WELFARE REFORM IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, during the most recent district work period I heard from Walt Speckman, Executive Director of the Division of Weld County Human Services about the success of welfare reform in Weld County, Colorado. Mr. Speckman believes that in twenty years, welfare will be a distant memory. He is optimistic and he and his staff are working to eliminate welfare and put people to work. Weld County is changing lives by helping people to break out of the cycle of dependency and despair. Already, the welfare case load has dropped 43%, making Weld County one of the most successful counties in the country.

Those remaining in the system fall into three different categories: children, the temporarily unemployed, and the hard-to-serve. Of the

children, many are descendants of illegal aliens. As you know, all children born in this country, even those born to illegal aliens, enjoy American citizenship. The parents are not allowed work and their children receive welfare payments. Many of these immigrants do work and their children do not need welfare, however they cannot admit as much to agency officials and so the checks continue to be processed.

Of the hard-to-serve clients, most are physically or mentally disabled, caring for sick family members, new mothers, or severely challenged in some other way. The list is daunting, yet Mr. Speckman remains confident that his agency can find employment for these individuals or help them receive federal help for their disability. It will take a few years and the Welfare Act needs some fine tuning, but he is ready for the challenge. While some counties may be content to permanently exempt part of their population, Weld County has set out to improve the lives of all. Weld County sets an example for the nation.

Additionally, I would like to thank Walt Speckman and Linda Perez for their time and for their commitment to improving the lives of people in Weld County.

THE ALEXANDER MACOMB CITIZENS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor two outstanding individuals, Kimberly M. Cahill and Albert L. Lorenzo, and one remarkable family, the Petitprens, of Macomb County as they are honored with the March of Dimes "Alexander Macomb Citizens of the Year" Award.

Kimberly M. Cahill is a highly respected attorney and a dedicated community activist. Ms. Cahill is the president of the law firm of Schoenherr & Cahill, P.C., and is the past president of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. In 1997, she received the Macomb County Bar Association's Civility Award and was named by Crain's Detroit Business as one of the 40 top metro Detroiters under the age of 40. Ms. Cahill has used her influence to incorporate more women and minorities in the legal profession. In addition, she has devoted her time and energy to such important issues as public health and parenting programs for pregnant teens.

Albert L. Lorenzo has been an outstanding president of Macomb Community College since 1979. Under his inspired leadership, the college has grown to become one of the nation's largest multi-campus community colleges and the fourth-largest grantor of associate degrees in the United States. His background in teaching and educational administration has afforded him opportunities to contribute to more than two dozen books and to author articles for national journals. Dr. Lorenzo was selected as one of the country's top 50 community college CEOs, and he has been the recipient of the national "Tom Peters Leadership Award." In addition to his responsibilities at the college, Dr. Lorenzo serves on the Governor's Workforce Commission and other organizations involved in health care, banking, research and human service.

The Petitpren family have combined business experience and community responsibility to make their business, Petitpren Inc., a Macomb County success story. The company contributes to more than 60 cultural and charitable organizations, including Habitat for Humanity and sponsors programs to discourage underage drinking.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate these outstanding residents of Macomb County for the leadership, caring, and commitment to their communities highlighted in this esteemed award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, during the week of September 9, 1998, I was absent due to an illness in my family. I received an official leave of absence from the Majority Leader in this regard.

However, had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner on the following legislation:

Wednesday, September 9, 1998

H.R. 678—Thomas Alva Edison Sesqui-centennial Commemorative Coin Act: AYE.

H.R. 1560—Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act: AYE.

H.Res. 459—Commemorating 50 Years of Relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea: AYE.

Thursday, September 10, 1998

H.R. 2863—Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act: AYE.

H.R. 2538—Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty Land Claims Act: AYE.

H.R. 3892—English Language Fluency Act: Martinez Amendment to the Riggs Amendment (#2): NAY.

Riggs Amendment (#2): AYE.

Final Passage: AYE.

Friday, September 11, 1998

H.Res. 525—Providing for Review by the Committee on the Judiciary of a Communication from the Independent Counsel: AYE.

GREELEY, COLORADO HAS STATE- THE-ART JAIL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, during the most recent district work period, Weld County Sheriff Ed Jordon extended an opportunity to my congressional staff to view first-hand the state-of-the-art jail in Greeley, Colorado.

The Weld County Jail employees new technology and procedures which make it a safe and efficient facility. Offenders are housed in one of three rooms which are supervised by a control center as well as in-room officers. Officer presence minimizes troublesome behavior. Officers are encouraged to eat the same food as inmates which also cuts down on negative behavior and complaining. There is no smoking in the jail.

The entrance uses a state-of-the-art metal detector to prevent weapons from entering the facility. The colors of blue and tan are used to distinguish between administration and inmate areas. Cameras and multiple locking doors prevent escape. Electronic finger printing and computerized booking expedite check in.

These and other innovations contribute to a controlled environment which promotes safety for the officers and the public at large. It is a truly impressive facility. I would like to thank Sheriff Jordon for his time and for his commitment to the safety of the people in Weld County.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, recent world events have made it indisputably clear that America needs a missile defense system. The North Korean missile launch, Indian and Pakistani nuclear tests, and the terrorist attacks targeting innocent Americans, have shown that it is critical that we address these threats before it is too late.

It is of utmost importance to enact a national antimissile defense system as soon as possible. In March the House passed legislation authorizing additional appropriations for ballistic missile defenses. This legislation would answer the emerging threat posed to the United States by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles around the world. For the second time this year President Clinton and Congressional Democrats have defeated this legislation. This is intolerable.

America is the military leader of the world. Yet this administration and their democratic allies in Congress continue to place our citizens in the line of fire.

Mr. Speaker, the irresponsibility that this Administration has shown in helping to kill this much needed legislation is appalling and puts every American family at risk. I urge my colleagues in both Chambers to rethink this issue and vote to support a strong missile defense system.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF JUDGE JAMES BUCKNER

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judge James Buckner on his retirement. He has served Rutherford County for the past 36 years as General Sessions Court Judge.

Judge Buckner was appointed to the judgeship in 1962 by Governor Buford Ellington and has won every re-election since then. Perhaps this is due to his way of treating people—equally and fairly—regardless of their social status. Tennessee Supreme Court Justice A.A. Birch can testify that Judge Buckner's manner of meting out justice is consistent. As

Birch tells it, when he was a Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, he got a speeding ticket and thought he might get a break from Judge Buckner. He explained to the judge that he had been testing his brakes by speeding up and slacking off, when he got pulled over for speeding. Judge Buckner politely listened to Birch and then fined him anyway.

A lot has changed since James Buckner became judge. My very first court case as a fledgling, practicing attorney was before Judge Buckner. For the first 11 years of his judgeship, he handled all criminal, civil and juvenile cases in Rutherford County. His position was part-time, but it was actually a full-time job at part-time pay. Judge Buckner had to maintain a private law practice to make ends meet. The state legislature eased his workload somewhat by creating a second General Sessions judgeship to handle juvenile cases. Now, Rutherford County has three General Sessions judges, four Circuit Court judges and one Chancellor. Before he retired, Judge Buckner routinely had upwards of 600 civil and criminal cases on the docket. The high number of cases pending can be attributed to the astronomical growth of Rutherford County.

Judge Buckner is a man of integrity. His sense of public service can be traced back to his father, George Buckner. George Buckner was an attorney who would later serve as a state representative. The late Congressman Joe L. Evins' first job out of law school was as an attorney working for George Buckner.

Judge Buckner's sentencing style is well known in the community. After handing down the appropriate sentence, he would say, "And—have a nice day." Well, Judge Buckner, I sentence you to a long and happy retirement spent with family and friends. And—have a nice day.

A TRIBUTE TO MONFORT CHILDREN'S CLINIC

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, during the most recent district work period, the Monfort Children's Clinic opened its doors once again to my staff to see the great on-going work the clinic is providing the poor children of Greeley.

As you know from your visit to the center earlier this year, the Monfort Children's Clinic is a 15,000 square foot facility providing a variety of pediatric services in addition to standard clinic care, including mental health, social work, audiology, ophthalmology, allergy, and pediatric rehabilitation. As the clinic expands, it will be able to offer dental care and suturing.

Opened in the summer of 1997, the clinic stands as the result of Dr. Donald Cook's dream to bring medical care to thousands of low-income children in Weld County. Dr. Cook, a pediatric physician of 37 years, retired from the clinic this summer. He will serve a year as vice president of the American Academy of Pediatrics for a year and then one year as president.

The Monfort Children's Clinic was built through the generosity of the citizens of Weld County. The clinic derives its name from the Monfort Family Foundation which contributed